

CLAIMS

1. An information processing apparatus for recording data on a recording medium, comprising:

5 a copyright processing information reception unit for receiving copyright processing information related to copyright processing of the recording medium; and

 a copyright processing information recording unit for recording the copyright processing information on the recording medium.

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2. An information processing apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium, comprising:

 a content holding unit for holding the content;

15 a copyright processing information acquiring unit for acquiring copyright processing information related to copyright processing recorded on the recording medium;

 a content recording unit for recording the content held by the content holding unit based on the copyright processing information;

20 a copyright processing information reception unit for receiving copyright processing information related to copyright processing of the recording medium from an outside; and

 a copyright processing information recording unit for recording the copyright processing information on the recording medium.

25 3. An information processing apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium comprising:

 a receiving unit for receiving the content;

a copyright processing information acquiring unit for acquiring copyright processing information recorded on the recording medium;

a content recording unit for recording the content based on the copyright processing information;

5 a copyright processing information reception unit for receiving copyright processing information related to copyright processing of the recording medium from an outside; and

a copyright processing information recording unit for recording the copyright processing information on the recording medium.

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4. An information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein
the copyright processing information reception unit receives the
copyright processing information in communications, and
the recording medium is a hard disk.

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5. An information processing apparatus according to one of claim 1 to
claim 4, wherein

the copyright processing information recording unit records the
copyright processing information in a predetermined region.

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6. An information processing apparatus according to one of claim 1 to
claim 3 and claim 5, wherein

the recording medium is an optical disk, and

25 the copyright processing information is recorded in a region
distinguished from a region used for storing the content.

7. An information processing apparatus according to one of claim 1 to

claim 6, further comprising:

a command information reception unit for receiving command information including information related to a rewriting command or a recording command of the copyright processing information; and

5 a command information transmitting unit for transmitting the command information,

wherein the copyright processing information received by the copyright processing information reception unit is information transmitted from the outside based on the transmitted command information.

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8. An information processing apparatus according to one of claim 1 to claim 7, further comprising a copyright loyalty determining unit.

15 9. A transmission apparatus for transmitting copyright processing information to an information processing apparatus according to one of claim 1 to claim 8.

20 10. A transmission apparatus for transmitting copyright processing information to an information processing apparatus according to claim 7, the transmission apparatus comprising:

a command information reception unit for receiving command information;

25 a copyright processing information generating unit for generating copyright processing information based on the command information received by the command information reception unit; and

a copyright processing information transmitting unit for transmitting the copyright processing information generated by the copyright

processing information generating unit.

11. A transmission apparatus according to claim 9, wherein
the command information includes identifying information used for
5 identifying a transmitting person who has transmitted the command
information,

the transmission apparatus has an individual certifying unit for
certifying an individual based on the identifying information, and

the transmitting apparatus transmits or does not transmit copyright
10 processing information in response to a certification result of the individual
certifying unit.

12. A transmission apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising a
copyright loyalty determining unit for determining a copyright loyalty based on
15 the transmitted copyright processing information.

13. A transmission apparatus according to claim 12, wherein
the copyright processing information includes copyright processing
level information, and

20 the copyright loyalty determining unit determines a different
copyright loyalty based on the copyright processing level information.

14. A transmission apparatus according to claim 13, wherein
the copyright processing information includes copyright processing
25 society identifiers, and

the transmission apparatus further comprises a copyright loyalty
summarizing unit for summarizing the copyright loyalty determined by the

copyright loyalty determining unit every copyright processing society identifier.

15. A copyright loyalty determining method comprising a step of
determining a copyright loyalty based on copyright processing information
5 transmitted by a transmission apparatus according to claim 8.

16. A copyright loyalty determining method according to claim 15,
wherein

the copyright processing information includes copyright processing
10 level information, and

in the copyright loyalty determining step, a different copyright
loyalty is determined based on the copyright processing level information.

17. A copyright loyalty determining method according to claim 15 or
15 claim 16, wherein

the copyright processing information includes copyright processing
society identifiers, and

the copyright loyalty determining method further comprises a step of
summarizing the copyright loyalty determined in the copyright loyalty
20 determining step every copyright processing society identifier.

18. A recording medium on which an information processing apparatus
according to one of claim 1 to claim 7 records copyright processing information.

25 19. An information processing apparatus comprising:

a command information reception unit for receiving command
information including information related to a rewriting command or a

recording command of the copyright processing information; and
a command information transmitting unit for transmitting the
command information.

- 5 20. A program for making a computer execute the steps of:
 receiving copyright processing information related to copyright
processing of a recording medium; and
 recording the copyright processing information on the recording
medium.

- 10 21. A program for making a computer execute the steps of:
 acquiring copyright processing information recorded on a recording
medium;
 recording a content based on the copyright processing information;
15 receiving copyright processing information related to copyright
processing of the recording medium from an outside; and
 recording the copyright processing information on the recording
medium.

- 20 22. A program for making a computer execute the steps of:
 receiving a content;
 acquiring copyright processing information recorded on a recording
medium;
 recording the content based on the copyright processing information;
25 receiving copyright processing information related to copyright
processing of the recording medium from an outside; and
 recording the copyright processing information on the recording

medium.